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SUBJECT: ENERGY: OFFICIAL TRAVEL DAVID STANG

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO RECOMMEND THAT MR STANG POSTPONE HIS PROPOSED VISIT AND RESCHEDULE AT A LATER DATE PERMITTING HIM MORE TIME IN ICELAND.

2. FOLLOWING FACTORS AFFECT SITUATION: (A) AUGUST 6 IS ICELANDIC HOLIDAY (AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY) AND IS FINAL DAY OF LAST LONG SUMMER WEEKEND. ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. EMBASSY CHECK HAS REVEALED THAT OFFICIALS WHOM STANG WISHES TO SEE WILL BE OUT OF REYKJAVIK ON VACATION AND WILL NOT BE BACK ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 7. (B) CAR JOURNEY FROM REYKJAVIK TO LAKE MYVATN TAKES 10-12 HOURS (ONE WAY). ALTERNATIVE IS TO FLY FROM REYKJAVIK TO AKUREYRI (ONE HOUR) AND RENT CAR TO DRIVE FROM AKUREYRI TO MYVATN (THREE HOURS)M THUS MYVATN PROGRAM CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE DAY.

3. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR MR STANG TO SCHEDULE VISIT AT END OF TOUR, I. E., AFTER AUGUST 26. AT THAT TIME ICELANDIC OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR MYVATN TRIP.
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